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GAYS AGAIN VICTIMS

BOSTON (GCN)—There has been another incident of violence against gays in Boston. Randy Gibson of the Gay Defense League told *Gay Community News* that early in the morning on Sept. 19, two gays were beaten up on Anderson Street near Cambridge Street in the Beacon Hill area. The two men, both in their mid-twenties, and who live in the area, were allegedly assaulted by four youths in a white convertible. The same car and its occupants have been reported in connection with about a half-dozen similar attacks against gays in recent months. Gibson, who talked to the two victims, explained to *GCN* that they apparently drew attention to themselves and stood out as a target, and he added that they refused to report the incident to police, due to fear of possible embarrassment. The pair reportedly suffered minor cuts and bruises in the attack. Gibson says he was informed of the incident by a straight friend.

CHANNEL 7 EDITORIALS

RKO General, WNAC-TV, Ch. 7, always friendly to the gay community, has grown in its cooperation to the extent that they have accepted an editorial for the "Access Editorial" by GCN's publisher, Linda Lachman. They have, also, notified Ms. Lachman that the scheduled "Access Editorial" will be run concurrently with their own editorial about Gay Rights. The texts of both editorials follow, along with the schedule for the Access Editorial. The station's editorial will be run at various times during the same week.

Access Editorial

Recently, the *Manchester Union Leader* of New Hampshire printed a series of articles attacking the homosexual clubs in Manchester. We feel this highly subjective account is typical of the reaction which can occur when an attempt at sensationalism and negativism is more important than

facts. In the case of homosexuality, fear, because of lack of real information, often leads to this kind of abuse upon gay people.

Most of the factual content about these clubs did not differ from facts that could be attained at heterosexual clubs, but when one looks to see only bad in anything, certainly all one sees will be bad.

We in the gay community ask that you receive *all* the information about us, before you make a judgment, so that you can get to know us as the equal part of society that we are.

If you would like to know more about homosexuality, don't listen to rumors and hearsay, contact your local gay organization and they will be happy to provide a qualified speaker for your group, club, church or school.

WNAC-TV Editorial

We condemn people, whether homosexual or heterosexual, who take anti-social sexual behavior to the streets and who impose them on the young and the innocent.

On the other hand, we do think that the gay community has unfairly been the victim of arbitrary prejudice and hostility.

Think about it.

Should a person who is capable, conscientious, and effective in a job be fired because his or her sexual preference is not acceptable to the employer?

Should responsible people be denied the opportunity to rent a domicile solely because of their private sexual habits?

Does one's sexual preference determine the merits of their character? Does it mean they are unkind, insensitive, or harmful?

We don't think so.

But, we do think there is something wrong with a society that is more tolerant of violence, deception, corruption, and disloyalty than it is of a group of individuals who, in their own private lives, have preferences which might be different than ours.

Schedule for Access Editorial

Sept. 29, Sunday, w/Cinema 7 (afternoon) and Black News (7-7:30 p.m.)
Sept. 30, Monday, w/noon news.
Oct. 1, Tuesday, w/6 and 11 o'clock news.
Oct. 2, Wednesday, w/Sign On
Oct. 3, Thursday, w/ Paul Benzaquin Show.
Oct. 4, Friday, w/Merv Griffin Show and The Late Show.

Conference '74 Postponed

by Ann Wadsworth

Conference '74: An Amazon Expedition, a weekend retreat for women originally scheduled for Oct. 11-14, has been postponed until the Spring of 1975. The decision was made reluctantly at a general meeting on Sept. 11, and was necessitated primarily by lack of funds and a slow response in registration. The planning group felt that a strong contributing factor was a lack of sufficient publicity to generate response from women outside of eastern urban areas.

Janine Bernier, a member of the conference Steering Committee, told *GCN* that all registration fees received and all contributions to the Sisterhood Fund are currently being returned to the women from whence they came. All funds obtained through concerts and other benefits (past and future) are being held in the Conference '74 account and will be directed toward the Spring 1975 event. Ms. Bernier stressed that some planning committees for the conference are remaining active, and although there will be a good deal of reshuffling, reorganization, and reformation of committees, the basic groundwork laid for the conference is still sound and the women still involved remain highly activated. Planning sessions will continue to be held, and progress reports will be mailed out to women currently on the mailing list. More benefits of various sorts are being planned.

So the conference is by no means dead, and even its postponement is not entirely

a negative action. Ms. Bernier feels the delay will give conference planners the time to reach women they hadn't been able to before, and that the women themselves, once reached, will have more of a chance to feed their own ideas into conference planning sessions in order to make the conference an event actually planned by the participants. The delay will also enable planning committees to search for different options for a campsite, a place that would perhaps put less of a financial strain on the conference participants and bring about lower registration fees, and not necessitate restrictions on tents, children, pets, etc. The focus of the conference will remain the same, however. It will not be a political event, but an open gathering of women on a personal level, to explore each other's ideas and to celebrate being together with one another.

Conference planners are currently looking for new women to replace those who have had to drop out of committees, and to work on committees that are now reforming. Any women interested should write to Conference '75, Box 2000, c/o *GCN*, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

Suggestions for campsites, workshops, people to contact, etc., should also be sent to this address. And the fund raising events continue: next the New New Haven Womens Liberation Rock Band will play at a dance on Oct. 5, 8:00 p.m., Charles Street Meeting House, Boston.

Rhino to Sue MBTA Over Ad Rates

by Carol Weiszman

"We want to take a stand. We're going to sue." That's the latest word on the Lavender Rhino campaign, from Richard Rubino, attorney for Lavender Rhino, Inc., which owns the copyright on the rhino. The group is trying to get Lavender Rhino poster advertising supporting gay life on the MBTA red and green subway lines at the cheaper public service advertising rates.

The MBTA has been forced by a recent court decision to allow the lavender rhino aboard its subway cars and buses. So the issue now concerns advertising rates. Lavender Rhino, Inc., contends that it should be allowed to advertise at the public service rate, which is reserved for public service announcements by nonprofit organizations. The MBTA, however, insists that Lavender Rhino pay the commercial rate for its advertising. So the Lavender Rhino is suing.

Last year, Preterm, a Brookline-based abortion clinic, sued the MBTA after the transit authority refused to permit Preterm to advertise at all. The Preterm suit asked for two things: (1) to advertise on the MBTA, and (2) to advertise at the public service rate. The court's decision held that

the MBTA had to permit Preterm to advertise, but at rates determined by the MBTA. The MBTA forced Preterm to pay the commercial rate for its ads.

The Preterm case is significant to Lavender Rhino because it's the legal precedent by which lavender rhino ads will be gotten on the MBTA. But the legal precedent goes one step further in establishing the MBTA's prerogative to choose the kind of rate for advertising. Lavender Rhino and Rubino waited for the Preterm decision to be handed down before determining what to do next. At first, they decided to accept the decision as applying to their case also—and concluded that they would not sue because they would lose anyway.

In addition, Lavender Rhino wasn't sure it *wanted* to advertise at the public service rate. It's cheaper, but the MBTA can pre-empt it with commercial ads, and the MBTA can choose where to put the ads. Lavender Rhino wants their ads on the red and green lines, not on a bus to Tewksbury.

But, according to Rubino, feedback

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SECOND SPONSOR REBUKES ABC OVER "THE OUTRAGE"

by Thomas Mayer

BOSTON (GCN)—Lambert Company's withdrawal of advertising last week from "The Outrage," the Oct. 8 episode of "Marcus Welby, M.D.," has been reinforced with a statement from the Ralston-Purina Company to the American Broadcasting Company that Ralston-Purina did would not buy advertising time on "The Outrage" because the company "would only advertise on a program that is enjoyed in every home in America."

This refusal, although open to interpretation as an anti-gay remark, signifies a second major advance for gay forces against the controversial episode. "The Outrage" concerns the rape of a 14-year-old boy by his male teacher. Gay groups around the country hope to pressure "The Outrage" episode of Welby off the air entirely; other groups working for the removal of the episode from the broadcast schedule include the American Federation of Teachers and the American Psychiatric Association.

Indignation over "The Outrage" stems from the differences between what ABC claims the show contains, and what the script calls for. ABC states that the show concerns child molestation rather than homosexuality. The script, however, concentrates on the molestation of the 14-year-old male protagonist and one other boy by

fillers for the episode, thus facilitating any possible removal of the episode from the broadcast schedule. Processed prints of this negative are due to be shipped from Hollywood on Sept. 27 for private screening by the local network affiliates on Oct. 1. However, the negative print of "The Outrage," scheduled to be processed as of Sept. 17, is still at the film laboratory.

Gay Community News has learned the specific identities of the advertisers for the Oct. 8 show. GCN has also learned that only four of the six available advertising minutes have been sold (see below). Advertising minutes are generally split up for two 30-second ads, such as No. 4a and No. 4b, etc., below.

ADVERTISERS FOR THE OCT. 8 EPISODE OF "MARCUS WELBY, M.D.," "THE OUTRAGE":

Spot No. 1	[not yet sold]
Spot No. 2a	STERLING DRUG, INC. (Bayer aspirin), 90 Park Ave., NYC 10016, (212) 972-4141; agency, DANCER-FITZGERALD-SAMPLE, INC., 347 Madison Ave., NYC 10017, (212) 679-0600.
Spot No. 2b	GALLO WINE, 79 West St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11222, (212) 383-4010; agency, YOUNG & RUBICAM, 285 Madison Ave., NYC 10017, (212) 576-1212.

Spot No. 5b
LES, INC., 575 Lexington Ave., NYC 10017, (212) 688-1600.
PET FOOD PRODUCTS (no specific product ad chosen; products include various processed food items), 250 North St., White Plains, N.Y. 10605, (914) 694-2500; agency, LEE, KING, & PARTNERS, 360

Spot No. 6a
N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60601, (312) 645-6600.
THOMAS J. LIPTON, INC. (no specific product ad chosen; products include instant soup and drink mixes), 800 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632, (NYC line to N.J.): (212) 227-4050; agency, YOUNG & RUBICAM, 285 Madison Ave., NYC 10017, (212) 576-1212.

Spot No. 6b
S. C. JOHNSON & SON, INC. (no specific product ad chosen; products include Johnson's Wax items such as Pledge, Glory, Jubilee, etc.), Racine, Wis. 53403, (414) 554-2000; agency, FOOTE, CONE, BELDING & CO., 200 Park Ave., NYC 10017, (212) 973-7000.

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LAVENDER RHINO

from the gay community reflected a lot of disappointment in the decision not to sue. "People are depending on the rhino for emotional support," Rubino said. "It's something tangible for the gay community. We decided not to be pushed around anymore." So Lavender Rhino, Inc., put legal and practical considerations aside, and decided that it would sue the MBTA for the right to advertise at the public service rate.

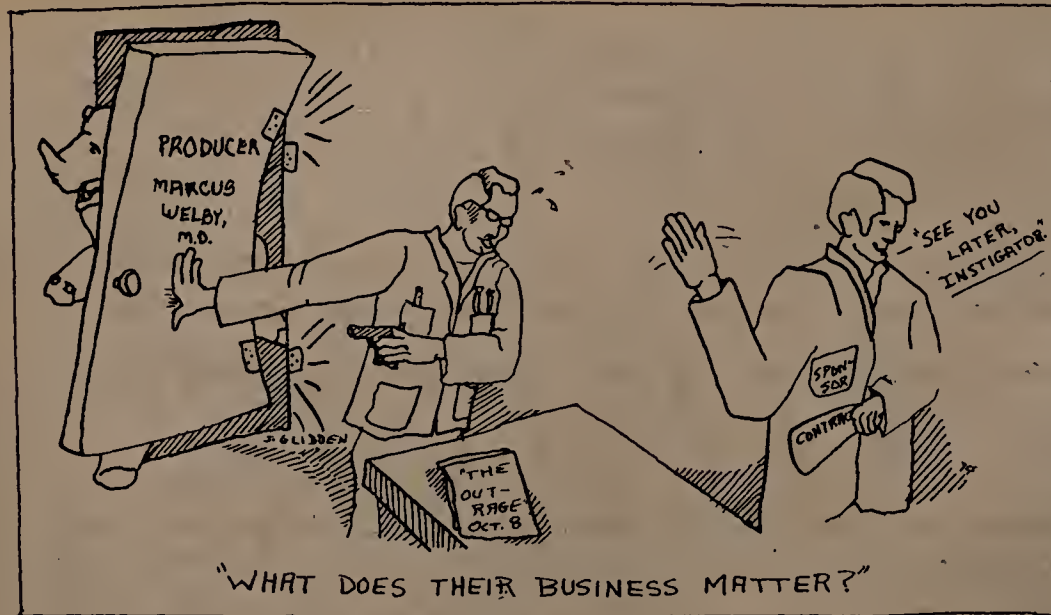
"We've based the suit on emotional considerations, on something we believe in," declared Rubino. "We didn't feel comfortable with deciding we shouldn't sue because we'll probably lose. We're doing it for the morale of the gay community." Rubino will file the suit next week.

MBTA criteria for public service advertising are a bit vague. Since the Preterm case, Metro Transit Advertising, which sells advertising space for MBTA vehicles, requests all applying for the public service rate to fill out a questionnaire. Though the questionnaire asks for proof of nonprofit status, being a nonprofit organization is not enough, according to a Metro staffer. Other factors are considered, among them whether the content of the advertising might be controversial ("the MBTA doesn't want the hassle of people calling up and complaining"), and whether the organization charges for services it renders (that's a no-no). When an ad is deemed controversial, Metro Transit Advertising defers decisions to the MBTA itself, an organization that one Metro employee called "pretty conservative."

Meanwhile, plans are underway to raise more money for an MBTA ad campaign at the commercial rate. Right now Lavender Rhino, Inc., has \$1500, plus a stock of T-shirts, buttons, and posters emblazoned

Gay s in Street Fair

BOSTON (GNC)—Boston's Charles Street was closed to traffic west of Beacon Street on Saturday, Sept. 21 for a Street Fair. Five gay groups in the area, including the Gay Community News, participated in the fair along with other groups and individuals. There were sidewalk tables, flea markets, and refreshments available at the event, which began at 10 a.m. and was scheduled to run until 4 p.m. A heavy downpour of rain at 3 dampened the festivities somewhat, but observers termed the turnout "fantastic" considering the weather. The Street Fair was begun five years ago by the Charles Street Meetinghouse, and has continued on a yearly basis in conjunction with the Beacon Hill Civic Association.



the same male teacher, and includes an outraged father's characterization of the teacher as gay and sick. Although many studies show that most child molesters are straight, the script of "The Outrage" fits stereotypical views of gay men as child molesters.

Action against the "Welby" episode has included letters, telegrams, mailgrams, and telephone calls to ABC and the advertisers who often buy ad time on the "Welby" series. Other actions, primarily by New York City gay groups, are in various stages of planning.

The "Welby" series is running behind its shooting schedule to such a severe extent that cancellation of "The Outrage" would probably compel ABC to replace the episode with a special. A "no promo" order by Anthony Thomopoulos, ABC vice president in charge of network programming, has cancelled all promotional

Spot No. 3
Spot No. 4a
[not yet sold]
AMERICAN CYANAMID (BRECK DIVISION) (Pine-Sol), Berdan Ave., Wayne, N.J. 07470, (201) 831-1234; agency, BATTEN, BARTON, DURSTINE & OSBORN, INC., 383 Madison Ave., NYC 10017, (212) 355-5800.

Spot No. 4b
AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS CORPORATION (no specific product ad chosen; products include Easy-Off, PAM, Neet, Woolite, Anacin and Dristan), 685 Third Ave., NYC 10017, (212) 986-1000; agency, JOHN F. MURRAY AGENCY (same address and telephone number as client).

Spot No. 5a
STERLING DRUG, INC. (LEHN & FINK DIVISION) (no specific product ad chosen; products include Lysol, Body-All, and Stridex), 680 Fifth Ave., NYC 10019, (212) 247-4100; agency, SULLIVAN, STAUFFER, COLWELL & BAY-

with the lavender rhino. For a three-poster, three-month MBTA ad campaign, Lavender Rhino needs \$5500. When they have two-thirds of the money—just under \$3700—they'll be able to go ahead with the ads.



The group will continue to sell T-shirts, posters, and buttons—and will gratefully accept donations. Also, plans are in the works for larger-scale fund-raising activities, like benefit concerts, etc. Lavender rhino T-shirts, buttons, and posters are available at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, Everybody's Autobiography (HCHS bookstore). Buttons can be had at the GCN office and the Red Bookstore.

"We've really gotten a healthy start," said Tom Morganti of Lavender Rhino and Gay Media Action. "It's going to happen. It's just going to take longer than we thought. We'd like to thank everybody for their patience—and ask for their continued support of the rhino."

The rhino, by the way, is beginning to catch on. Radio station WBCN has renamed its 'Lavender Hour' program 'Rhino Hour.' New York City's Gay Activist Alliance wants to sell rhino buttons, and buttons have been sold across the country, from Louisiana to California. Distant dreams dancing in the rhino's head are of a national rhino campaign.

Lavender Rhino, Inc., is an offshoot of Gay Media Action and the Charles Street Universalist Church (the Meetinghouse), formed to copyright the lavender rhino. If you can give anything to the lavender rhino campaign—time, money, ideas—contact Gay Media Action, 43-45 Hano St., Allston, 783-1627.

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NEED MONEY?

Otherfund Seeks Proposals

by Ian Johnson

Otherfund, Inc., the new "Gay United Fund" for Greater Boston has begun the process of soliciting proposals of projects to be funded in 1975 from area organizations and individuals. Also under way is the selection of a Community Board, which will select proposals to be funded, and the selection of a logo for the fund raising campaign.

As an aid for those planning to submit proposals, the staff of Otherfund has compiled a "Proposal Packet" which is being sent to all known gay organizations within the area served. (The area is defined as locations reachable from Boston Central Exchange without dialing 1-, in other words, Boston, North, South and West phone directories plus city of Lynn.) This Proposal Packet gives complete information on the nature, organization and structure of Otherfund, as well as complete instructions on how to submit a proposal and what the proposal should include. (See GCN No. 8, Aug. 17 for complete information on Otherfund.)

Eligibility

"It is important that the community realize that funding is not limited to existing groups," stated Patrick Thomas, a staff person. "There are many problems and needs in the community which are not presently being dealt with, and Otherfund hopes to provide capital to meet these needs. Individuals interested in working in these areas need only to fill out a proposal to Otherfund to be eligible for funding," Thomas continued. While packets are being sent to existing groups for their convenience, individuals may receive packets by writing Otherfund, c/o GCN Box 3000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

As explained in the packet, eligibility includes "any incorporated or unincorporated body that is non-profit, serves a need within the community, and is located within the funding area."

Community Board

Nov. 15 will be the preliminary deadline for proposals, which will then be read for clarity and completeness by staff members, and returned for corrections if necessary. Denise Vitale explained to GCN that the final deadline for re-submission will be Dec. 15. During January a Community Board, made up of representatives of the entire community, will make the decisions on what is funded.

Vitale also stated that Otherfund is now looking for candidates for the Community Board, and listed the following qualifications: The person should (1) be aware of the communities' needs and problems; (2) have the ability to help set fair criteria for decisions, and logically, impartially, and consistently decide on each proposal's merits; (3) be able to function well in group decision making; and (4) be able to volunteer the time necessary to adequately consider all proposals (primarily during January). Due to an obvious conflict of interest, heads of organizations will not be eligible for this board, although other members will be.

"Since the Community Board must represent the extremely varied composition of the entire community, thus instilling a faith in its decisions, the staff will seek individuals who complement each other and will, all together, reflect this variety," she further explained.

Logo Designs Solicited

Otherfund also desires artistic people in the community to submit their designs for a logo for Otherfund. The logo may or may not consist of the name Otherfund, but should get across the ideas of sharing, giving, or helping to build a community together. Designs should be submitted as soon as possible to the address noted above.

Why?

Asked "Why a 'Gay United Fund'?", Pat Everling responded, "The boundaries of conventional philanthropy—the 'straight' United Fund, foundations, corporations, etc.—generally exclude gay-related projects, in effect challenging gay people to help themselves and their community. Otherfund is a step towards meeting that challenge."

WOOPS!

The "Boo-Boo" of the Week Award" goes to GCN for inadvertently putting wrong issue numbers on newspapers twice this month. Correction, GCN receives two "Boo Boo Awards." The following is a list of the CORRECT numbers, with the mistakes noted:

Vol. 2, No. 10, Aug. 31: correct.
Vol. 2, No. 11, Sept. 7: misnumbered No. 19
Vol. 2, No. 12, Sept. 14: correct.
Vol. 2, No. 13, Sept. 21: misnumbered No. 12 (also).

When we get to the "real" No. 19 (Nov. 19) it will be numbered 19A.

Congress Travel Plans

BOSTON (GCN)—Group transportation arrangements have been announced in Boston and New York for travel to the first International Gay Rights Congress, to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, Dec. 18-22. The Congress is expected to draw more than 500 delegates from around the world to discuss past progress and future solutions in achieving gay rights.

A group from Boston will be leaving from Logan Airport (via British Airways) to London on Dec. 14 for \$394. This price includes one night in a London hotel (with breakfast), round trip (via rail) to Edinburgh on Dec. 18, return to Boston on Dec. 18. The nights in London would be

at an additional cost. Further transportation information from Boston may be had by contacting the group co-ordinator at the Gay Community News.

The National Gay Task Force is also arranging for a group to leave from New York (via New Caledonia) on Dec. 14. The cost will be between \$412 and \$442 for the round trip air fare, plus 4 nights in a London hotel (with breakfast), round trip (via rail and air) to and from Edinburgh. Return to New York on Dec. 22. Interested parties should contact Bill Bland, Tour Director, National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., New York City, N.Y. 10011.

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EDITORIAL

we hate to ask, but



We at GCN are proud of the progress we have made in little over a year of existence. Although we realize we have a ways to go, the paper has already grown from four pages of mimeographed sheets to twelve pages of offset newsprint, and with the amount of news and stories we are now able to cover, we will have to expand to sixteen pages beginning next week. Our relationship with the Boston community has grown, also, to the point where we are able to go much further in our coverage of it and are now working hard at getting more complete coverage of the greater New England area and beyond.

Our subscriptions and advertising have doubled in the last six months, but then, so have our costs.

Originally, the "Make It Happen" campaign—to raise \$3,000 in Loans and \$3,000 in Donations—was projected to cover our increased expenditures. However, the expenses projected at the time the campaign

was planned last winter, were unrealistic and covered only one third of our present debts due (1) to the unknown factors of inflationary cost and (2) to the expansion to twelve pages and now sixteen pages rather than just to eight as was planned. Therefore, despite the fact that we have reached our original goal and are removing the "Make It Happen" form from the paper, we are still in serious need of donations (and/or loans). Our printing and typesetting costs are over \$300 a week—if we are unable to pay these, then, there is, of course, no newspaper.

However, in the past month, we have decreased our debt by \$1,500.00 and have been able to pay *most* of our basic weekly costs as we have been coming closer and closer to the breaking even point. We are not losing any more money but we have a tremendous back debt still to clear. We are *not* going to fold or go under, because we will not let it happen and we are stead-

ily, slowly, but *surely* growing towards a point when our costs *will* be paid by our income. The next couple of months are the hurdle to be crossed to that point. But our staff has not been paid in months and, just as with printing and typesetting, if the staff is forced to leave because they cannot afford to stay, we will, also, have no paper. At this point we owe a staggering amount in back salaries—that is one part of the hurdle—and this amount increases every week as we can afford, now, only to give token amounts, haphazardly, while we work at stabilizing the payments of *other* expenses.

We at GCN feel sure that our community wants and needs the service we offer and that our asking for support is well founded in the quality that we have attained thus far. If you appreciate the communications service which GCN provides and *want to see it continue* then we ask you to support us with any contribution which you feel fits your budget.



into prison

Dear GCN:

I received Vol. 2 No. 10 of the GCN through the regular mail call over the Labor Day weekend, and I do thank you for all that you have done.

Last week when I was called into the education department, the man told me that the paper you sent for approval was being put into their files . . . This is the first paper that I have received that this has happened to . . . I have received *Fag Rag*, *Advocate*, and a few other gay papers from around the world . . . I [had been] getting only one or two of them before they started sending them back.

You know, this place allows Playboy type books in here . . . but when I received a nude picture of a gay man in California, it was sent back quick . . .

I think it is just the fact that these people are ashamed of their own bodies.

Gay Love, In the Struggle,
Milton Milburn
Federal Prison
Springfield, Mo.

LETTERS

disco-ruiise?

Dear GCN:

Since the "beginning" of the Women's Movement and the Gay Movement I have had so many positive experiences that a book might be in order. But this is only a letter and I need to share a classic "negative" with you.

I went on the gay Disco Cruise Sunday, Sept. 1, with some friends. This was advertised to be a 4 hour cruise costing \$5.00. Beautiful idea—horrible experience. First, we were all charged \$5.50; a fact that turned out to be relatively incidental. Then, about one hour out of port as I was standing at the bow, really getting into the prospect of being out on the open sea, the boat goes into a sharp U turn. So I rushed up to the wheel house to ask the captain why. Between his shoutings of "OUT" over and over I managed to interject the question "Well, who *can* I ask!" He reluctantly gave me the name of the man who was running the tape player (music). I asked a lot of people on the dance floor where I could find the music man. No one knew him! So, for the sake of expediency (we were getting closer and closer to the dock), I pushed the STOP button on the tape player. Magical move! It worked. The tape was off for about five seconds. I asked the man (the one who pushed START) why we were heading back. He related that so few people showed up for the cruise that expenses couldn't be covered. I asked for half of my money back (a reasonable request to say the least) and his response was pleasant. He agreed to send the money to me and my friends if I would get names and addresses.

So, I went on a pen and paper search. I ended up with the captain's pen (another long letter) and a length of toilet paper. As it turned out I really needed only a square or two because most of the people were apathetic about the "change of plans." By then a lot of people knew what was going on and the atmosphere of alienation was growing. I started taking names. A surprising number of people didn't mind that the cruise was cut to two hours. As we docked I started to hand the paper to the START BUTTON pusher and a young man came

up to me and said that I should use the toilet paper to wipe out my mouth. His eyes were as hostile as his words. He asked if I was homosexual. I said "yes." He said, "then you shouldn't be doing this," implying that gay people should overlook being ripped-off *because* they are gay. He grabbed the toilet paper, wadded it up and threw it overboard. *That* was the heavy.

Here is the issue. The cruise (for a boat that holds 600 people) was poorly advertised. The cruise was poorly planned—the timing was bad (Labor Day weekend; many people out of town). The Saints was even closed that Sunday because it was a good day to varnish the floors.

The people who went on the cruise shouldn't have to pay for the planners' lack of forethought—a gross lack I think; I mean that's a big boat and those ads were teeny and far between. I now also suspect that the crew knew before we even left port that the cruise was going to be cut and assumed (rightly) that we of the gay "community" would "understand" because we are in the habit of accepting disrespectful treatment. And with that new suspicion, my anger is beginning to grow again.

Pat Styer
Revere, Mass.

innocent

[Dear GCN,]

We have been following with interest the National Gay Task Force protest of the Marcus Welby Show. Letters of protest have been sent by us to the appropriate people, as advised in the GCN. However, last night on Rhode Island's Channel 10 (NBC) the world premier of "Born Innocent" was broadcast, to our great dismay. The show is about a young woman who was sent to a girls' rehabilitation center and it portrays Lesbianism throughout as anti-social, degrading and sadistic behavior. One episode shows a gang rape perpetrated by several women using a broomstick. At this point we turned the show off.

As gay women we realize that this torture scene is not at all an accurate portrayal of Lesbianism but rather the product of warped men's minds. Our concern with this show is

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"KINSEY" REPORT:

ON HOMOSEXUALITY

by Charles Bonnell

Rumors have been circulating for several months now about a "new Kinsey report" on homosexuality. Supposedly—Troy Perry has seen some of the results; they were very good for gay people; the figures had been studied to death months ago; or, something was about to be published.

The rumors are both right and wrong. The late Alfred Kinsey's Institute for Sex Research in Bloomington, Indiana, is continuing to study homosexuals (and everyone else, too), and is currently writing an extensive study on male and female homosexuals to be published in the fall of 1975. (The Institute recently published a study on the problems and adaptations of gay men in the U.S. and two European countries). This new one is their so-called "San Francisco Study," and it's gonna be great.

During the Institute's Summer Program in Human Sexuality, a lot of information and some preliminary results were presented.

The San Francisco Study will be the first truly in-depth, large-sample study of homosexuals ever made. The Institute interviewed 1500 people in person—3 to 5 hours each—using a 175-page questionnaire; some were heterosexual (for comparison purposes) but most were gay. Men outnumbered women by 2 to 1; even so, they interviewed 300 white and 70 black lesbians (which is the largest lesbian sample for a scientific study ever). The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, which wanted only to know about gay men, but the Kinsey Institute insisted on including women). Many parents and siblings of the gay people were interviewed also, to see how they remembered their gay relative's early experience. Subjects were recruited from every conceivable source—through information sent to 6000 individuals on gay mailing lists; advertisements in newspapers; 50 gay recruiters in public and private bars and restaurants, private homes and parties; one-to-one contacts (some from Kinsey's day)—to get

to the most covert individuals possible: they went to 8 baths, to meetings of 23 homophile organizations, movie balconies, cruisy men's johns, public parks. You name it, they went there.

Some of the recruitment techniques were straightforward, and some were not. In men's rest rooms, they would hang around, make a lot of eye contact, look at a lot of crotches, and generally cruise. If the person seemed interested, the recruiter would walk up and hand them a card saying, "Interviewees wanted..." (One researcher said that in these situations there were a lot of "rather frantic reactions!"). The recruitment of ultra-closeted individuals is also of special importance in evaluating this study. A dry run of the techniques ultimately used in San Francisco was made in Chicago somewhat earlier, and the principal investigator was quoted, only partly in jest, as saying, "I would have said that the majority of male homosexuals in the Chicago area are Anglican clergy!"

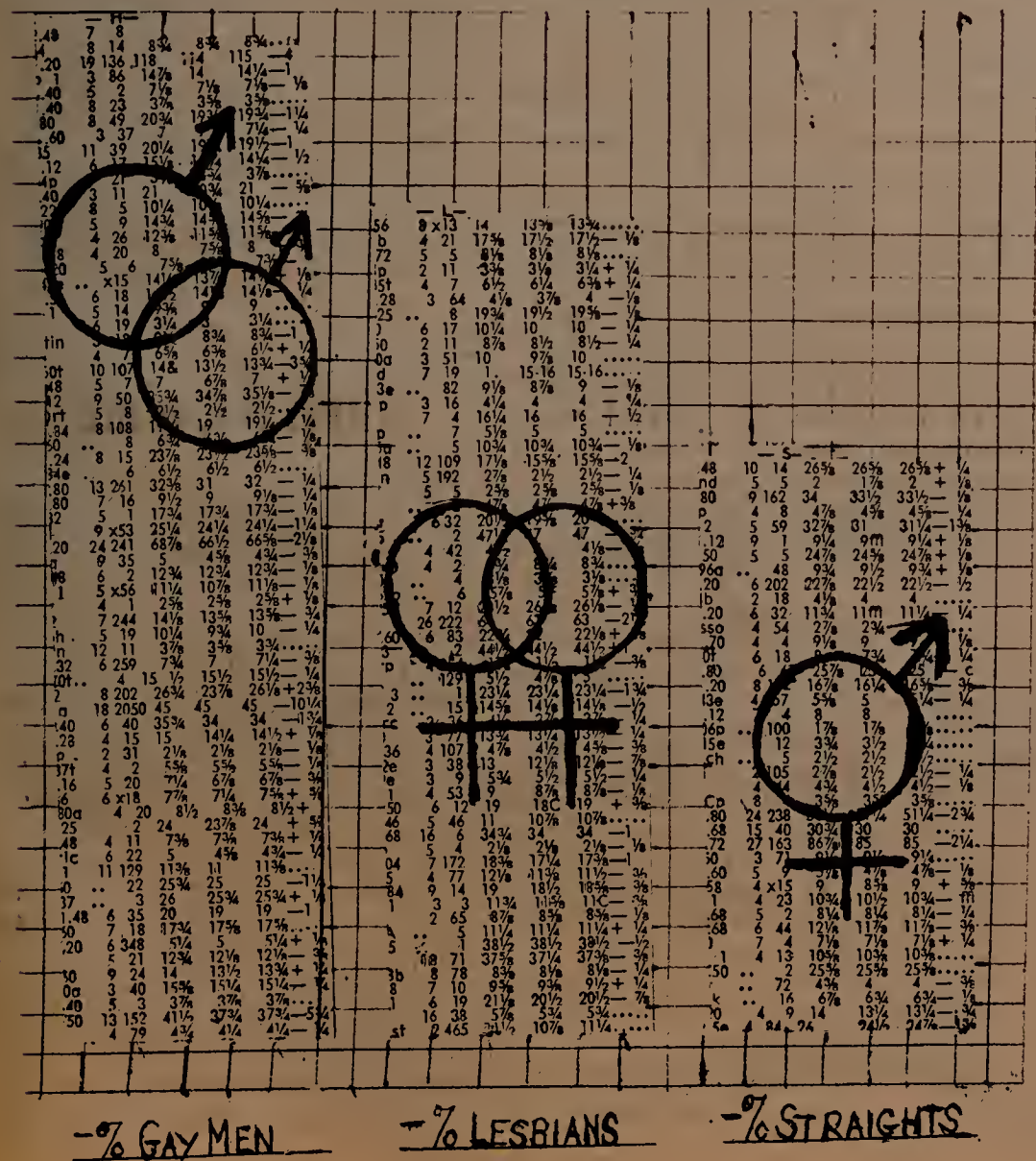
The results obviously do not give a nose-count of homosexuals versus heterosexuals; nor would they say "how promiscuous" homosexuals are; since this would depend (for example) on the relative number of closet couples vs. tearoom queens they decided to interview. But it will be able to compare different kinds of homosexuals with different kinds of heterosexuals. For example, the data seem to show that gays and straights for whom sexual variety is an overwhelmingly important part of their lives are more like each other than they are like other gays and straights. (All results mentioned here are, of course, preliminary and will be further checked before publication of the study). Although the final volumes will deal with both men and women and blacks and whites, the researchers only gave extensive data at the summer conference for their white male sample. For example: 37% of the gay white males thought "quite a bit" about sexual things during the course of the day; while 18% hardly thought about them at all. Only 12% preferred a large penis on a sexual partner. About 17% considered a permanent relationship to be the most important part of their lives; 20% didn't consider it important at all. In the year before interviewing, 28% had sex with over 50 partners; 31% with 6 partners or less. 40% were living with a roommate

who was gay, but only 66% of these were having a sexual relationship with him. With the women, a roommate was much more likely to be a lover—just the opposite of what society tends to expect when two people of the same sex live together. About 18% of the men had attempted suicide at least once—usually very early in their gay careers when they were coming out. One young man committed suicide after being interviewed; his mother is attempting to come to terms with this in part through this study.

In spite of the bias toward white males, there were some interesting observations about other groups. For example, gay women (and blacks) were less likely to call themselves exclusively homosexual than were the gay white men. Likewise, gay women were more likely to have been married (35%) than gay men (20%), and tended to come out later than men. There seemed to be some indication that gay women had more *male* sexual partners after adolescence than straight women.

But these statistics were of less import than one very human fact: it might be possible for heterosexuals to do scientifically accurate, humanistically moral, and subjectively *good* research about homosexuals. It's not *easy*, mind you—Charles Socarides, Albert Ellis, and David Reuben are authors of intellectually shabby, politically savage, and unbelievably bad research on homosexuality. But the Institute's researchers on the subject—Alan Bell, Martin Weinberg, and Colin Williams—appeared to be just the opposite. They know the gay scene as well as some gays, are truly open-minded in their research, and do not believe in the "sickness model" of homosexuality. Bell will present the results of his data (pre-publication and eyeball-to-eyeball) to the people they interviewed as a measure of consideration for those who were studied. (This is much in contrast with most sociological studies, where the individual subjects never find out the results and usually aren't even thanked as a group in the paper). Weinberg (not to be confused with psychiatrist George Weinberg) has been observing gay men and straight men making love. He concludes that gay sex is "better" than straight sex in at least one sense: there is much less interpersonal friction involved in changing positions or, for that matter, in caring about what

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"KINSEY" REPORT

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"position" you're in at all. Weinberg and Williams co-authored the recent book on *Male Homosexuals* in which they conclude, among other things, that gay men are as well-adjusted as straight men; also that older homosexuals are in some respects better adjusted and thus happier than young ones, and that they do *not* generally end their lives lonely and depressed. Bell noted that many older gay men are also better off than older straight men, who have to go through rejection by their children and must often readjust their whole lives to the absence of a family.

Their study will shatter a great many stereotypes and do so with more hard data than anyone else has ever gathered; it should help in political battles quite a bit. The study will not be a whitewash; gays will be shown pretty much as they are, warts and all—but, then again, heterosexuals were interviewed too. The broadness of the sample will preclude undue emphasis on any one gay subgroup, whether it be closet cases, Gay Panthers, or the impersonal-sex tearoom scene. (Characteristically, when the Institute publishes a book on impersonal sex later, it will examine both the gay and straight sides of that phenomenon).

In short, the effect of the Institute for Sex Research's upcoming San Francisco Study should be very positive. The Institute's specialty is doing large-scale surveys

that outline the major features of some area of sexual behavior, and this survey fits that specialty well. Gay people will already know much that will be discussed in the study, since they've been doing field work (so to speak) ever since they came out. But the framework established by the Institute's study will be used by behavioral scientists for years to come. It's good to see that this framework is being built by people who have the capability to understand.

GAYS, BISEXUALS AND TRANS-SEXUALS AT THE KINSEY CONFERENCE

The mayor of a small town near Bloomington, Indiana, is 26 yearsold and gay.

Perhaps that fact pales into insignificance compared to the president of the African country of Senegal's recently declared homosexuality. But to the people attending the (Kinsey) Institute for Sex Research summer program in human sexuality, it caused a respectable hubbub to spread through the crowd.

"Jason," as we shall call him, was one of five certified homosexuals and bisexuals on a panel presented one afternoon. In addition, there were "Sal(ly)," a lesbian; "Elena," a bisexual; "David," a Bloomington gay leader; and "George," a 59-year-old postman. There was a talk in the morning about homosexuality and another talk about bisexuality. The turn-off-your-tape-recorders-please panel in between

was to allow the chance to meet some real people, to emphasize the diversity of gay life.

Sal had been through so much, it was surprising that she could still smile. This is the way she told one story:

"Well, I was leaving a gay bar in Indianapolis one night and was walking back to my car, when I was followed by a guy who wanted to know if I'd go home with him—and he got more and more explicit—and I kept saying no, and then he grabbed me by the shoulder and I tried to get away, and he grabbed me harder and reached into his pocket for something (I couldn't tell what). So, I kicked him in the balls and ran. He hollered, and suddenly all his friends started pouring out of the doorway. I said to myself, 'You know, Sal, you don't need this.' So, I jumped into my car

and tried to run one of them over. I missed, unfortunately—but I got away."

Not to mention her father disowning her after she came out, and then committing her to a mental hospital, and other obscenities.

Elena had little to say, and mostly inaudibly—she had the softest voice this side of total muteness.

David was the head of the local gay liberation group, as blond as anyone can be; and by his own admission, rather feminine. He freely talked about this in front of the audience, which released a lot of the tension you could feel building up. He also invited everyone to a party he was giving the next evening. Many in the audience, gay and straight alike, took him up on the offer; they were treated to a lot of dancing and soul music, and a mattress-



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filled room next door. (The latter was his most talked-about contribution to gay liberation.) David also attended the party given for the conferees that weekend; many people noticed that when he was not presenting himself publicly, his feminine mannerisms disappeared.

But Goerge was the star of the show, precisely because he seemed so ordinary and low-key—how can you hate your mailman? George had just won his job back from the Post Office after they had discovered he was gay. He appeared on the panel wearing his Letter Carrier shirt. Fifty-nine, and balding, he has never had a long-term relationship, never fallen in love, and has never worried about it. He is still sexually active and enjoys his life thoroughly. Precisely because he showed intelligence, but not through contrived education, he won over his audience. By his example, he influenced many more people than formal facts might and counteracted any tendency from the audience to look at the panel as some sort of freak show.

Later that afternoon, a talk was given on bisexuality by Pepper Schwartz ("Yes; I'm Dr. Pepper," she said.) Her research group at the University of Washington places ads in newspapers asking for people who have had sexual relationships with both sexes, and she's finding out some very interesting things. For example, the notion that one's sexual orientation is fixed by age 5, she believes does not hold for many of the people she's studying (although it may hold for others, of course). She's interviewed people who have gone from straight to gay/to bi/ and back again several times. Also, one's inner feeling of sexual prefer-

ence need have little or no relation to one's actual behavior (though it usually does). If one classifies people into three categories—according to whether they feel gay, straight, or bi—and then according to whether they act in conjunction with those feelings one would have individuals occupying each of the nine possible combinations. In fact, Schwartz explained how the label "bisexual" is really a garbage-pail category for people who don't fit either the exclusively heterosexual or the exclusively homosexual patterns; the term is used for an incredible variety of people. She described the various sorts of bisexual women first, and then started on the bisexual man—and ran out of time.

The next week, there was a panel of transsexuals (morphologically normal women who feel they should be men, and vice versa), two before the sex change operation and one post-operative. Their attitudes towards gay and women's liberation were—interesting.

"Mark," a pre-operative female-to-male transsexual with real sideburns and a beginning moustache, stated that, "There are some people who have morals, and I am one of them, and I would never have sex with a male because I would consider that homosexual." He had earlier stated that he knew several gay men and women and didn't feel any animosity towards them. He said women's liberation was no threat to him—but noted that it was easier for him to get a job as a man. Mark also had a proclivity for slightly off-color remarks.

"Georgine," a post-operative male-to-female transsexual, said that she went along with the equal-pay-for-equal-work

part of women's liberation, but beyond that she disagreed: "God made women to be inferior to men," she said.

"Pat," a pre-operative male-to-female college student just beginning hormone treatment, felt that women's liberation and gay liberation are simply aspects of human liberation.

In short, Mark seemed like an unexceptional, somewhat chauvinistic young man; Georgine (except for her voice) seemed like an unexceptional, unliberated woman; and Pat seemed like an unexceptional, liberated college student. Needless to say, these people are not to be taken as "representative" of transsexuals as a group—they spoke only for themselves. Nevertheless, these three individuals are one example of how being different in one way doesn't necessarily make one more able to understand people who differ in another way.

As stated above, the Kinsey Institute staff had exceptionally good plans for research about gay people. I would have had here that their whole conference was arranged in a way that would maximize the chances of a straight person adopting more rational, positive attitudes towards gay people. The talks and panels about homosexuality were before the weekend; during the weekend itself, everyone engaged in an "Attitude Reassessment Workshop" (a sensitivity-training type of session). When talking about homosexuality in that workshop, every one of the men in a particular group admitted that he had felt some sexual attraction for other men at some time or other. In one man's case, the announcement was quite dramatic—as he was a Southern minister (married, with kids) who

admitted that he had never felt secure in his heterosexuality until that evening, when he was finally able to talk about his homosexual feeling.

All of the speakers at the conference (with the possible exception of one) seemed to have completely positive views of gay people and homosexuality, and two (Pepper Schwartz and Richard Green) might significantly have extended the horizons of those of people who had previously considered theirs pretty wide. I never heard Green use the words "abnormal" or "effeminate"; instead, he said "atypical" and "feminine." Green is especially sensitive to the way language predisposes us in our explanations of things, and consciously chooses words that are effectively neutral (e.g., an effeminate person is someone whose feminine actions you dislike; an abnormal person is someone whose atypical behavior you dislike; and bestiality must be bad, but animal contacts might simply be a rural form of masturbation). Green has just written a book about people with atypical gender identities (not homosexuals). Green has also done other good things for the gay community—he has testified in child custody cases in favor of lesbian mothers, and appeared (with Elaine Noble) on the "yes" side of a debate about legalizing gay marriages which was televised last spring on *The Advocates*.

In short, gay, bisexual, and transsexual people were prominent and well-treated this summer at the Institute's conference. Kinsey himself almost single-handedly started the job (25 years ago) of getting America's attitudes about sex to reflect reality; the Institute he founded is doing a good job of carrying on today.



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Homosexuality in Animals

by Ellen B. Davis

All seriousness aside, we've all heard how unnatural homosexuality is—but what could be more natural than having gay sisters and brothers in animalland. Remember, one out of every six Rhinos is lavender!

We all remember the *Three Little Pigs*, those just-trying-to-do-their-own-thing fellows who in actuality may very well have been three faggots into a menage a trois. Or,



how about the *Little Red Hen*? Rumor has it that she was the Alice B. Toklas of the animal set. Baby Bear was allegedly a closet case who had quite a thing going with "Goldie."

Homosexuality is common in many animal species. In dairy cattle, the "buller" (cystic ovary cow) is used for testing oestrus (sexual heat of animals, especially female mammals) in other cows. If the cow gets aroused by the "buller" (the sexually aggressive cow), she is definitely in heat—and then she's taken to the bull! Also in bovine, when collecting semen for artificial insemination, a "jumper bull" (macho male) might be used to stimulate the bull from whom the collection is to be made.

This sort of "sexual aberration" (as it was referred to by the veterinarian at

Angel Memorial Hospital) appears to be fine as long as it is beneficial to Farmer Jones. *Can you imagine the frenzy that would result from two cows holding hoofs or gay pig liberation!* The fact remains, that homosexuality in husbandry is comfortable as long as the straight man has control over and can profit from it.

Many veterinarians seemed to agree that under natural conditions the state of homosexuality in animals does not exist and that erotic play in animals is similar to that of children. Several vets commented that homosexuality in animals cannot be compared with the same condi-

tion in the human animal. "We must consider that there is no psychic involvement in animals."

Ostensibly, that very same statement could as easily be addressed to heterosexuality in animals. Could it not be that these "buller" cows and "jumper" efficiency in and a preference toward such activities? If personhood would only allow itself to look outside of its own myopic realm of sexuality and normalcy, it might recognize the sexual enjoyment that is derived by the animal participants.

One embarrassed vet tried to explain away the possibility of homosexuality by

suggesting hormonal injections were an inducement. Other facts uncovered during the investigation were: When dogs of the same sex are placed together, the male-female role may be observed; also, among goats and hogs, hermaphroditism is commonly observed. (This condition in dogs, though not common, does exist).

From the material available to my research, an **assumption* I can safely make is that liberation for our gay animal sisters and brothers is hiding somewhere out behind the barn.

Out of the barns and into the fields!

*Editor's Italics

Talking Politics

by David P. Brill

On July 3, 1964, the United States House of Representatives passed the Civil Rights Act by a vote of 289-126 (one of the 126 was then-Congressman Gerald Ford) and it was signed into law by President Johnson, fully one hundred years after the thirteenth amendment and Civil War, and ten years after the *Brown vs. Board of Education* "separate is not equal" Supreme Court decision. This turning point in American history was accomplished due to the strong efforts by Blacks at that time on their own behalf, and because of their ability to convince others of the need for this legislation.

We should take a lesson. The recent elections have apparently given birth to a louder voice within the gay community, an offensively vociferous band of ideologically frustrated, politically incompetent crybabies who tell us that on one hand all politics (as we know it) is bad, but on the other hand, tell us how important gay civil rights legislation (a product of "politics") is. It is the same type of reasoning my mother gives me, when she says that I shouldn't go to 1270 because she heard someone once got their wallet lifted there. As it is the bar's fault.

Despite this obvious transgression of logic, we should continue with the progression. It would appear that those of us who place a high degree of importance on gay civil rights legislation would work hard to seek to convince the government of the need for it, and the rightness of it. But those desires must be false, not sincere, since our own local gay community has had to depend on a relatively small number of

persons to do its work on legislation. Because if those desires of so many persons were sincere and factual, then I would think that here in Massachusetts we would have the strongest civil rights protections for homosexuals in the world. But such is not the case.

Our legislation was filed by a number of legislators this year, all but one of whom hail from small, suburban towns, who all sincerely believed in the merit of the bills. They were joined by two gay organizations, three straight liberal organizations, and several women's groups in working for the bills. Each bill had a hearing. At the *best-attended hearing*, 300 people showed up—about one-tenth of the number of persons you'd find in all the gay bars in Boston on a Friday night. That was an absolute moral scandal. This newspaper's readership, numbering in the thousands, should all have been there.

Furthermore, my best estimates indicate that only about 400 constituent letters were received at the State House this year in support of the bills. Some Senators reported receiving no mail at all. Would someone please tell me how a Senator, representing 140,000 people, could have not one concerned gay constituent?! Where were all the concerned gay people who equate gay civil rights legislation with the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow when we needed you?

Is the Legislature to be blamed if no one is willing to come out to work for themselves? If organizations like DOB and

HUB had the thousands of dollars for legislative campaigns like the insurance companies do, why, we could have won the ball game years ago. But here again, the organizations that work the hardest for gay people receive only minimal support, and are led by only a few people. Where are all the concerned gay people when we need your money and time?

The power of the movement is being severely curtailed on two fronts. The first front, forgivably, consists of our older, more established sisters and brothers who are so far in the closet that they cannot see the door. The other force working against the gay community is a group of unconcerned iconoclasts whose major interest in life is ripping everything apart, including their own community. If only half the gay people around spent more time trying to build good images and make friends than they currently do, we wouldn't be fighting over a bad "Marcus Welby" show with ABC, and perhaps we wouldn't be so affected by it anyway, even if it were so bad.

The power of the movement lies in the ability of gay people to use the system to their best advantage. That means several things: It means giving money to groups like DOB, HCHS, HUB, and Gay Media Action, and working for them. It means working hard and intelligently within the political system for candidates and officeholders who can be considered friendly to our cause—and they *do* exist, and their numbers are rapidly increasing. That means coming out, and spreading

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portrayal of homosexuality.

Why didn't the National Gay Task Force know of this show before it was aired? What can we do about it now?

It seems that once more men's problems have overridden women's. We have worked for them (against the Welby show) and it is time for them to work for us.

In sisterhood,
Beth Brown, Kate Miller,
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N.R.
New Hampshire

talking politics

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work around so that Kinsey's figures of a 4 to 10 percent gay population begin to prove themselves.

The government never handed anything to Blacks, and they're not jumping the guns to fight for the women's movement, either. Gays will be successful only when they recognize their own strength, and not upon fate or anything else.

Parasitic radical movements, which have traditionally been about as effective in government as a screen door on a submarine is in retaining water, should be the first element that concerned gay people should avoid. They deserve to exist, despite their unappealing goals, but gay people who are concerned about gay people should not feed their appetites. For those radical movements which still attempt to sway gay workers have consistently and deliberately offered, in the end, only leaps and bounds into pounds and pounds of nothingness and gobbledygook.

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GWM arrive Boston mid Oct, need housing. Any arrangement considered. Have car so suburbs OK. Own bedroom only requirement. Write H. Mills, 50 Austin St., Portsmouth, N.H. 03801 or call 603-431-7182 after 11 p.m.

2 GWM seek GWM in 20s to sh lg bedrm in lux 2 bdrm duplex apt. Nice apt, quiet area, dw, laundry, yard. Near Hancock Bldg. \$117/month incl util. Prefer stable working person or student. 426-8346 eves. For October 1.

SO. END, large sunny apartment, newly decorated, building in process of becoming renovated. Pleasant gay male(s) wanted as other occupants are same. Owner occupied. 426-6025 evenings.

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Lesbian Feminist looking for reasonable, comfortable place to live with other woma(e)n in Cambridge or Beacon Hill area. Please call Marge afternoons at 338-8173.

GUEST HOUSE

Many lg & sm apart. Houses avail cheap in Newport \$15,000 due to Navy pullout. Lot of restoration in prog (\$20,000,000 of private money). Hotels full, and expens. YMCA closed. Write David S. (see resorts).

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Two 3-speed bikes in excellent condition, practically new. Call Linda 426-4469 days or 269-1739 evenings.

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BIRTHDAY?

Surprise your friends with a birthday classified in GCN.

Good Gay Buttons & Books. EVERYBODY'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY (The HCHS Bookstore) has a growing selection of gay books including *The Hart Crane Voyages*, *The Male Muse* and *Edward the Dyke*. Many more in stock or on order. 419 Boylston St., 4th floor. Open Mon.-Thurs. 6-9 p.m. Ring night bell 4 times.

If you own or operate a business or a service in New England which welcomes the participation of gay people send for application for free lifting in new Gay Guide: GCN/GCA, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, 02108.

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jobs offered

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The Fenway Community Health Center needs a volunteer lab technician for Wednesday night—Gay Health Night. Lab tests include gram stain, RPRs, cultures, and drawing blood. Contact Jim DeMauro at FCHS, Tel. 267-7573.

WANTED

Experienced cocktail waiters and waitresses for gay country club. For info, call 963-9809, ask for Brian.

KITCHEN HELP

to train as second cook at The House Restaurant in Allston. Call Tony at 483-5131.

GOOD JOB OFFERED someone who is excellent typist and has knowledge of typography/layout/pasteup. Write fully with telephone to GCN Box 218.

FUNDRAISING — GCN

People able to help in fund-raising (time, ideas, legwork)!!! We now have a coordinator and want to begin actively searching out funds. If you can help in any way, please write Joe Demaios At GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108 or call and leave your name and number for Joe at the GCN office, 426-4469.

CAST CALL

Open auditions for gay radio soap opera. Some performing experience preferred. Reply GCN Box 156.

Everybody's Autobiography (the HCHS Bookstore) needs a volunteer bookseller for Wednesday evening. Can be lots of fun. Please call Judi at (617) 628-3870 & we can talk.

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BEAUTIFUL NEWPORT
Newport, R.I., America's first resort. Nine beaches. Happy hour at David's Sunday 4-6 (28 Prospect Hill St. off Thames). Newport is America's most architecturally significant city (Smithsonian). Check it out.



roommates

GF 21, looking for a place to live in Boston area, preferably in Cambridge or Allston. Ask for Casie at 734-1883 (after 6 p.m.).

1 F + 2 M, quiet, people, early to late 20s, seek 1 rmmate, pref. F, for sunny, large, airy apt. w/cat nr. Fields Corner, Dorchester. Reasonable rent, nr. Food Co-op. Interests: feminism, gay lib, radical politics, plants, crafts, newspapers. (617) 282-4977.

21, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES
Gay man arriving Boston mid-Sept needs job and apt. or house to share with gay male similar age. Photo and phone number to David Green, P.O. Box 270, Pasadena, Texas 77501.

ROOMMATES
GWM 23 seeking responsible M or F for 2 bdrm Bay Village apt. Your share \$117 per mo. Phone Mark 426-6077.

M or F roommate wanted, 24+, for non-sexist household in large, sunny Somerville apt. nr. Camb. Into sharing of feelings, privacy, too. Jim, 776-6597.

Lesbian Feminist looking for reasonable comfortable place to live with other woma(e)n in Cambridge or Beacon Hill area. Please call Marge afternoons at 338-8173.

GM, 21, seeks roommate for 5 room apt in Dorchester. Prefer 18-25, M or F. \$85/month includes util. 2 blocks to Red line. Write GCN Box 209 as soon as possible.

THIS PLACE IS REALLY NICE
Mod 2 bdrm for GWF 18-24 sking own rm and place to call home. R U friendly and heat? I am. Near Clev Cir; free pkng lot, 1 blk MBTA. 112.50 mo. It is a clean new 3-story complex. Call 6 pm-1 am or 8-9 am. Sue, 277-4714.

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FREE LISTING
If you own or operate a business or a service in New England which welcomes the participation of gay people send for application for free listing in new Gay Guide: GCN/GCA 22 Bromfield St., Boston, 02108

GAY DATES
Gay dates is a dating service for gay people. Just send a note stating your desires, preferences, interest and physical description. Our service is highly confidential. \$5 per introduction. WRITE GAY DATES P.O. BOX 337 KENMORE STATION BOSTON, MA 02215.

wanted

WOULD LIKE TO BUY
Bookcase(s), black-shelved, metal, with gold rod trimming; must come apart. Call 354-7934 after 5 p.m.

miscellaneous

EAST CONN. GAYS, BIs, UNDECIDED
Gay Alliance Group for East Conn. being organized. Would like to hear from people who would participate & help activate group. Dare to accept yourself totally and find others to share your beliefs with. Call 889-7530 after 6 pm.

GAY DANCE

Friday, Oct. 4 - 9-1 a.m.

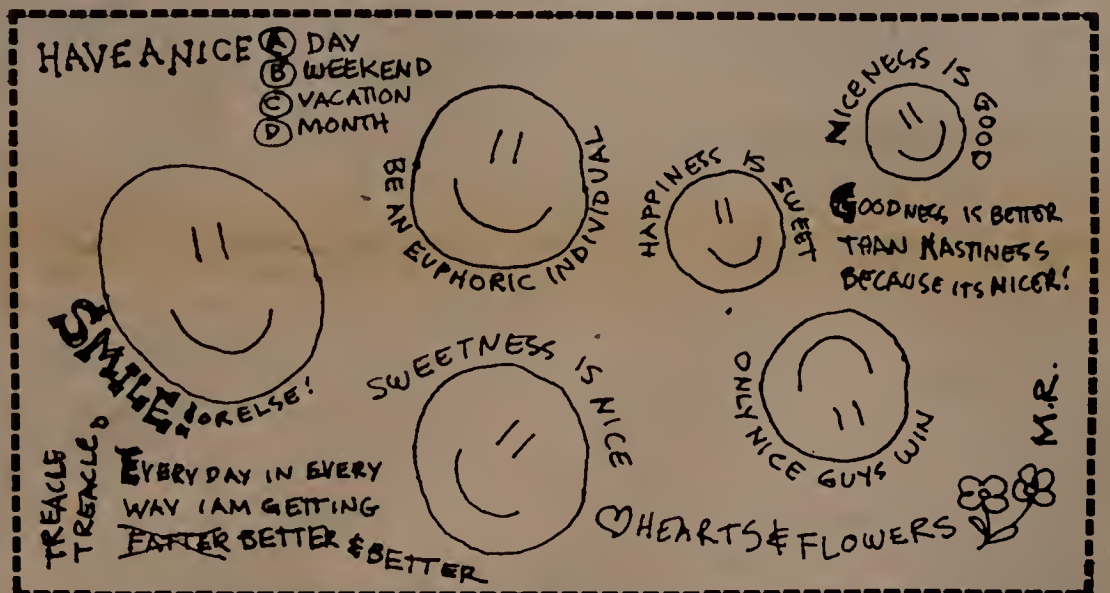
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(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

BOSTON AREA (area code 617)

Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
Boston College Homophile Union 734-7223
Boston University Homophile League 353-3635
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group) 265-6409
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Charlestown Gay Neighbors' Assn. 241-8357
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450
Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592
Dignity/Boston
c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts,
Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516
Gay Academic Union 266-2069
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Media Action 868-5729
Gay Media Action Advertising 783-1627
Gay Hotline (1-9 Tu, Th; 1-5 W) 266-5477
Gay Nurses Alliance 232-6323
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x2226 3/84
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451 3/23
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486

Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 266-1111
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Center) 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 253-5440
National Organization for Women 267-6160
OtherFund Inc. (Gay United Fund) c/o GCN, Box 3000
Project Place 267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764
Unitarian Gay Caucus 282-4977
Waltham-Watertown Gays 926-5739
Women's Community Health Center Cambridge 547-2302
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 536-6197
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)
Homophile Union of Massachusetts P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC Study Group of Worcester P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747
Worcester Gay Union 752-8330
WESTERN MASS. (AC 413)
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154

Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9) 545-2876
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889
Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst 253-2591
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
UMass Student Homophile League 545-0154
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011
RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)
Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Women of Providence 942-2094
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
MCC Providence & Coffee House 831-3773
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817
VERMONT (area code 802)
Gay In Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
Women's Switchboard 862-5504
Counseling for Gay Women and Men 655-1600
Gay Male Counseling 863-2496
CONNECTICUT (area code 203)
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520
Gay Alliance, c/o UConn Women's Center 486-4738
Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103

MCC Hartford 522-5575
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575
Women's Liberation Center Hartford 523-8949
NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)
Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group
Northwood 03261
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801
MAINE (area code 207)
Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011
Gay Rights Organization, (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04114
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Task Force Box 4542, Portland 04144
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473
Maine Freewoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point, 04667
Gay Liberation Front, c/o Charlie Hamor, General Delivery, Calais 04619
Lewiston Gay Rights Org., 147 Park St., Lewiston 04240

COMING... Sept 25 thru Oct 11



25 wed

The Waltham-Watertown Gay Group will hold one of its bi-weekly meetings and pot-luck suppers tonight at 7:30 pm. Gays in other Western suburbs are invited too; bring something to share. Call 926-5739 for more information.

26 thurs

Join B'nai Haskalah for Yom Kippur services at nightfall on Wednesday the 25th, and today during the day. Call 265-6409 ahead of time as details are yet to be arranged.

Benefit movies at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, will be for the benefit of the Meetinghouse itself. Screening will begin at 8 pm, and will consist of 8mm excerpts of horror flicks, and old time comedy movies. Donation at the door: whatever you can afford.

27 fri

MIT SHL will hold their first dance of the season tonight at MIT. 9 pm-1 am in Burton House, 410 Memorial Drive. \$1.25 (only \$1.00 with a flower). A free beer for each of the first 100 people.

A couples' pot luck supper will be held tonight at 7 pm at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. The event is sponsored by MCC/Boston, and is for all gay couples. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

29 sun

The Worcester Gay Union will be sponsoring a deep sea fishing trip today. A caravan of cars will leave the Union offices at 6 am sharp. Prices: for members \$6, for non-members, \$7. This will be a four hour fishing excursion, leaving the State Pier at Hampton Beach at 8 am and returning at 12 noon. The price of the trip includes handlines and bait; \$1 extra if you want a rod and reel. Money for the trip must be in by Sept. 22. For more information call (617) 752-8330.

Gay Speakers Bureau will hold a series of three training sessions for prospective speakers beginning today in Boston. Call the GSB at 547-1451 for locations. There will also be a session on Wednesday, Oct. 2, and another on Sunday, Oct. 6 in Cambridge. Sessions involve discussion, role playing and facts.

Deadline for contacting the GSB is Wednesday, Sept. 25.

A Fengay Fall-Fest will be held today at 7:00 pm at the Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston. The evening will include a pot-luck supper, so bring to share. This event will kick off Fengay's fall membership drive; both residents of the Fenway, and people from elsewhere are invited. For more information call 267-7573 or 267-0516.

Held over from the 16th of September... A public access editorial featuring GCN's publisher, Linda Lachman, in rebuttal to the lurid series of articles on gay bars printed last month in William Loeb's *Manchester Union Leader* will be aired on WNAC-TV, Channel 7 in Boston, starting today and continuing until Oct. 4 at various times during the day and evening. (See Vol. 2, No. 9 of GCN for details of the Loeb venom.)



30 mon

Today is the deadline for registration for the courses being offered at the Institute of Homophile Studies, sponsored by Homophile Community Health Service of Boston. Courses offered this fall and next spring include "Introduction to Homophile Studies," "Survey of Homosexuality in History," and "Homophile Philosophy and Ethics." Courses start the week of Oct. 6, but you must register before Sept. 30. For more information call the health service at (617) 266-1950.



1 tues

Allston-Brighton Gay Group will meet at 8 pm tonight at 51 Hano St., Allston, Mass., near Union Square. For details and directions call Darius at 782-6310.

2 wed

Charlestown Gay Neighbors Association will meet tonight. This will be an important organizational meeting dealing with structure and plans for political involvement in activities of the wider community. Please try to attend if you're at all interested. Call (617) 241-8357 for more details.

4 fri

Tonight will be the second in a series of dances at, and for the benefit of, the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Dance will start at 9 pm and continue 'til 1 am. This dance is sponsored by Homophile Community Health Service; donation asked is \$2 at the door. (The purpose of these dances is to pay up last year's heating oil bill in order to keep warm this winter!) By the way, beer will be available.

5 sat

Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch today at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Guest speaker will be Nat Denman talking on the art and practice of *pro se* litigation.

6 sun

Worcester Gay Union will hold a membership social and clambake today at 3 pm on Buteau Rd. in Spencer, Mass. Fare will include lobster or steak (choose one), steamed corn on the cob, and potatoes. All you can eat for \$8 per person for members; \$9 for non-members. NOTE: Reservations must be in by Sept. 20. Address cheques to: The Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359, Federal Station, Worcester, Mass. 01601.

Gay Women of Providence, R.I., will hold a potluck picnic today. For further information and directions, call Jean or Beth at (401) 942-2094.

7 mon

At DOB Topic Rap tonight at 7:30 pm will feature a Gay Media Action videotape festival. Included will be coverage of legislative hearings, excerpts from the "Nana" series, from the "Good Morning Show" with John Willis, and a sound tape of the first television program in Boston featuring gays - Dr. Socarides vs. the presidents of DOB and HUB from 1970. Donations to benefit Gay Media Action.

8 tues

Marcus Welby, F.U., will be making a late housecall tonight at 10 pm on WCVB-TV, Channel 5 in Boston, unless the network or the sponsors relent. Stay tuned... if this is aired, network difficulties will occur.



11 fri

Tonight is the third in the series of benefit dances at, and for, the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. This dance is sponsored by the many gay community groups in the Boston area. Beer will be available, and the donation will be \$2 at the door. Dances will run from 9 pm to 1 am.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, noon on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

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WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm-Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide
7:00 pm-Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine.
7-10 pm-MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St. Providence
7:30 pm-SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
7:30 pm-Waltham-Watertown Gays, meeting and supper, 926-5739. (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)
7:30 pm-DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00-Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
8:00 pm-Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)
10:15 pm-"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays.)

THURSDAYS

6:15 pm-WBCN's "Rhinoceros" radio show, 104.1, Boston.

7:00 p.m.-Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine.
7:30 pm-Pioneer Valley Gay Union meeting, at Hope Church, Gaylord St., Amherst, Mass.
7:30 p.m.-MCC Ecumenical Choir practice, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
7:30 pm-Gay Support and Action of Bangor meeting at 23 Franklin St., Bangor.

8 pm-Gay United Fund, Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.
8:00 pm-DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm-Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
9:00 pm-Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
12M-3 am-MCC Providence Coffee House
Evenings-Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm-Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096
7:00 pm-Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
8:30 pm-B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston
1 am-5 am-MCC Providence Coffee House

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm-Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
2:00 pm-Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
3:00 pm-Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM
1 am-5 am-MCC Providence Coffee House

SUNDAYS

10:30 am-Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
1:00 pm-DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm-Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 942-2094
4:00 pm-MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)
5:30 pm-Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm-MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm-MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3733
7:30 pm-MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm-Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
12M-3 am-MCC Providence Coffee House

MONDAYS

10:00 am-Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
5:30 pm-Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge Mass.
7:00-10:00 pm-Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7-10 pm-MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
8:00 pm-Daughters Of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm-Gays and Alcoholism discussion at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (1st and 3rd Tuesdays).
7:00 pm-Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm-DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm-Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)
7:30 pm-MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.
8 pm-Gay Defense League, Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.

Quick Gay Guide...see page 11